



## Robert Edward Gibbon

March 29, 1948 - October 18, 2018

The family of Robert Gibbon announce that Bob died peacefully on October 18th. We are relieved that his suffering is over, sad that he has gone from us, and proud of his many accomplishments. He was a passionate and talented gardener both indoors and out. He nurtured many species of plants including heritage potatoes, grafted apple trees, orchids, gardenias and hibiscus. He was a great cook and creator of apple pies, breads, pizza, homemade cheese and sausage; he made wine and was a gifted landscape photographer. He hiked, biked, camped and canoed all across Canada from British Columbia to Newfoundland. He was a longtime employee of Sears Canada, and a member of the Hamilton Camera Club, the Orchid Society, past President of Amateur Winemakers of Ontario, founding member and longstanding President of the Other Hamilton Wine Club, and an accredited judge with the Wine Judges of Canada. Bob was a much loved member of our family, youngest son of Shirley and the late Jim Gibbon; a brother to Brian and Bruce, and sister Catherine; a father to Frank Brillinger and his wife Sally and their children Jack and Molly, an uncle to nine nieces and nephews. He was a friend to many, particularly the late Lorraine Novak (2017) and Werner Lichtenberger. Thanks to the Cancer Assistance Program, Dr. McCarty, the Hamilton General Hospital Acute Medicine and Palliative teams with a special thanks to Dr. Tammy Ryan and Dr. Tallman. We will honour Bob's remarkable life with a Memorial Service at St. Stephen-on-the-Mount Anglican Church, 625 Concession St., Hamilton at 11 a.m. on Friday October 26th followed by a reception in the church hall. For those who wish to make memorial donations, we suggest the Nature Conservancy of Canada to honour his love of the Canadian landscape.

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# Comments

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“ Bob was a quiet member of the Hamilton Camera Club. Besides being a Master photographer he enjoyed solo camping and wine making. His orchid growing expertise would always be present at the annual Royal Botanical Gardens Orchid show. We will miss him as a member of the Executive as well.

**Juraj Dolanjski** - October 23, 2018 at 09:39 PM

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“ I met Bob when he volunteered to guide me in my wine making career around 1998. He was a wonderful mentor and a great friend. I enjoyed his great hospitality and sense of humour. In my time with Bob he progressed from wine to orchids to cheese-making and grafting heritage apples. Carol and I will miss you very much.

**Phil Ryan** - October 23, 2018 at 08:05 PM

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“ Bob you will be missed. I met Bob at the Hamilton Camera Club and he was the nicest person. He was one of the first people to talk with me at the club and welcome me as a member. Your kindness will never be forgotten. Rest now Bob.

**Virginia Stranaghan** - October 23, 2018 at 09:36 AM

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“ I had the good fortune to know Bob through the Hamilton Camera Club, where we shared a passion for the photographic arts. Bob's skill grew rapidly through his time with the HCC, and he rose to the category of Master Photographer. Bob also generously volunteered his time serving on the club's executive, serving as the club Treasurer. He was well known and appreciated by our membership, and we will sincerely miss him. Rest in peace Bob.

**Paul Kiely**  
President - Hamilton Camera Club

**Paul Kiely** - October 22, 2018 at 10:43 PM